

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 5-12, of the application as originally filed as follows:

FIG. 1 shows a shaft/hub unit 10 which incorporates a power transmitting mechanism according to a first embodiment of the present invention. The shaft/hub unit 10 serves as part of a constant velocity joint. The shaft/hub unit 10 comprises a shaft 12 (different embodiments of which are identified in the appropriate figures with the following corresponding reference numbers 12₁, 12₂, 12₃ or 12₄) functioning as a power transmitting shaft and a hub 14 (different embodiments of which are identified in the appropriate figures with the following corresponding reference numbers 14₁, 14₂, 14₃, or 14₄) functioning as an inner ring that is disposed in openings in an outer cup (not shown) and has guide grooves 15 receiving therein balls (not shown).

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 13-24, of the application as originally filed as follows:

The shaft 12 has fitting portions 18 on its respective opposite ends each fitting in an axial hole 16 in the hub 14. In FIG. 1, only one end of the shaft 12 is shown, with the other end omitted from illustration. The fitting portion 18 has a shaft tooth section 22 (the other embodiment of which is illustrated in the appropriate figures with the following corresponding reference number 22') comprising a plurality of straight spline teeth 20 which have a predetermined tooth length in the axial direction of the shaft 12 and which are formed successively in the circumferential direction of the shaft 12. Specifically, the shaft tooth section 22 comprises a circumferentially alternate succession of convex

peaks 22a (the other embodiment of which is illustrated in the appropriate figures with the following corresponding reference number 22a') and concave valleys 22b (different embodiments of which are illustrated in the appropriate figures with the following corresponding reference numbers 22b₁, 22b₂, 22b₃, 22b₄, 22b₅ or 22b₆).

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 12-20, of the application as originally filed as follows:

The hub 14 has, on the inner circumferential surface of the axial hole 16, a hub tooth section 28 (different embodiments of which are illustrated in the appropriate figures with the following corresponding reference numbers 28₁, 28₂, 28₃, 28₄, 28₅ or 28₆) having a plurality of straight spline teeth 26 that fit in the fitting portion 18 of the shaft 12. Specifically, the hub tooth section 28 comprises a circumferentially alternate succession of convex peaks 28a and concave valleys 28b (see FIGS. 12 through 14). As shown in FIG. 2A, the peaks 28a have substantially the same tooth thickness and extend substantially parallel to the axial direction of the shaft 12.